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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Before the Examiner:  
Basso et al. : Fearer, Mark D.  
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Serial No.: 10/713,343 : Group Art Unit: 2143  
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Filing Date: November 14, 2003 :  
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Title: REDUCING NUMBER OF IBM Corporation  
MESSAGES PROCESSED BY IP Law Dept. YXSA/Bldg. 002  
CONTROL PROCESSOR BY 3039 Cornwallis Road  
BUNDLING CONTROL AND P.O. Box 12195  
DATA MESSAGES AND OFF- Research Triangle Park, NC 27709  
LOADING THE TCP  
CONNECTION SETUP AND  
TERMINATION MESSAGES :

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 1, 2007, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 1, 2008, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.